

2017 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

\$8,070,482

FEDERAL FUNDING
SOURCE

\$7,867,020

STATE FUNDING
SOURCE

2%

Personnel expenses increase due to a budgeted 2% wage adjustment, changes in personnel and an increase in health insurance rates.

\$560,491

Contractual expenses increase \$560,491 due to internal service charges and service contracts.

\$126,180

Supplies expenses decrease \$126,180 due to reductions in weatherization materials offset by increases in classroom supplies and computer purchases.

\$2,626,749

Other expenses increase \$2,626,749 due to changes in energy, shelter, energy emergency and rental assistance.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES

2017

ANNUAL REPORT

City of Rockford Human Services

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

(779)348-7169



Child Development and Early Learning

In the 2016-17 school year **837** low-income children, birth to five years old, and their families were served through the Head Start/Early Head Start Grants.

The Head Start Program is aimed at meeting the educational, social, health, and emotional needs of low income children ages birth to five years old and pregnant women and their families in Winnebago County. The program has four different service options which consist of home visiting, 9- month part day / full day and 12- month-full day.



Child Health and Nutrition Services

- Health services ensure all children are ready to learn. Medical and dental assessments, nutrition and growth assessments, vision and hearing screenings, parent education and links to providers are provided for all families.
- 97%** of Head Start, **87%** of Early Head Start and **71%** of Early Head Start Child Care partnership children are up-to-date on age-appropriate preventive and primary health care, according to the state EPSDT schedule for well child care.



Family Support and Engagement

- Family Support Specialists and Home Visitor Teachers support families' goals and needs. Families make decisions, including the resources they choose to utilize and options they choose to exercise. In some cases, support is provided to families in crisis. **207** Head Start and **247** Early Head Start Families recieved Social Service Assistance.



2017 Head Start Highlights

- Recieved Chamber of Commerce Confluence Award for great Partnerships/Collaborations with the **Music Academy** in Rockford.
- Achieved **full enrollment** in Early Head Start and Head Start in the 2017-2018 school year.
- Established a new partnership with **YMCA Children's Learning Center** to serve **15** children.
- 88** Head Start and Early Head Start children were identified and reffered for special needs services.
- 80%** of Head Start children achieved Kindergarten readiness goals.

COMMUNITY SERVICES/COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

(844) 710-6919



Scholarship Program

Community Services provided scholarships totaling \$12,000 to five low-income students pursuing secondary education.



Neighborhood Outreach

Provided funding to **Neighborhood Network**, which helps form, sustain and guide low-income neighborhood groups plus provides resource information, collaborative programming & coordinates volunteers for special projects.



Energy Assistance and Savings

- Weatherized 97** homes throughout Winnebago and Boone Counties, which included services such as furnace repair or replacement, air sealing and insulation, & other energy savings and life safety measures, which in turn can save homeowners up to \$400 per year on their energy costs.
- Assisted **8,827** low income households with their energy bills through the **LIHEAP** program, including those disconnected from their utilities



Job Training and Employment

- Granted funds to **Zion West** to train and pay **10** individuals for summer property maintenance in low-income areas, all of whom went on to obtain full-time employment at season's end.
- Community Action partnered with **Rock Valley College** to help fund training costs for low-income individuals to receive certificates in CNC or cold forming processes. **79%** of those in the program became employed full-time.



Housing Assistance and Coordination

- Continues as the Single Point of Entry for the homeless, in partnership with the **Rock River Homeless Coalition**. We also continue to provide programming that helps prevent homelessness & stabilize families and assisted **230** households to keep their housing. **Over 80%** of those we helped remain stably housed.



2017 Community Services Highlights

- Helped fund **Community Gardens** resulting in **357** volunteers who helped grow **1,667** pounds of food for residents of Winnebago and Boone Counties, raising the awareness of healthy eating, physical activity & the effectiveness of working in community.
- Administered the **Summer Food** program at **44** sites throughout Winnebago & Boone Counties, distributing **3328** un-duplicated meals ensuring low-income children received nutritious meals when school was not in session.
- Staff coordinated a **Multi-Area Resource Center** as an emergency response to those displaced by the Belvidere Jackson St. apartment fire. Staff continued to follow up with those affected by the fire to ensure that housing, food, furniture and other needs were met.
- Met all the standards needed to meet Certification for the **National Organizational Standards** for Community Action Agencies. This included meeting **58** rigorous standards to ensure compliance with the Federal regulations that govern CSBG.
- Administered nearly **\$1.5 million** in Federal grants awarded to agencies that offer **homeless** programming in the community through the HUD Continuum of Care collaborative grant program.
- Community Action and the Rock River Homeless Coalition were recognized nationally for reaching functional zero in chronic homelessness by the **United States Interagency Council on Homelessness and the U.S. Dept. of HUD**. We are **one of only three** communities in the nation to receive this certification and the only community that received both veteran and chronic homelessness certifications.